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1. (UNCLASSIFIED) The following personnel were present at the meeting:

Mr. R. W. Bauer (Chairman)	CDCFR
CWO M. V. Harrison	CCIA
Mr. F. T. Nicoletti	OCE/AMS
Mr. D. W. Platt	OCE/AMS
Dr. W. Frank	OCE/AMS
Dr. I. D. Dickman	OTSG
Miss M. Holdsworth	OCO
Mr. R. F. Waring	TCTIA

2. (UNCLASSIFIED) The sixth meeting convened at 1000 hours, 13 February 1957. The minutes of the fifth meeting were accepted without emendation. It was pointed out that the third agenda item, concerning a coordinated program for exchange of unclassified publications with "Iron Curtain" countries, had been discussed at the fifth meeting, although this was not reflected in the minutes. At the fifth meeting, it was the opinion of the conferees that the subject of the exchange program should be reconsidered after the Chairman had obtained the views of the several army attaches on the receptiveness of their host governments to such an exchange program.

3. (CONFIDENTIAL) Prior to discussing the items on the conference agenda, the following actions were taken:

a. (CONFIDENTIAL) The Chairman distributed copies of a list of translations prepared in the Office of the Army Attache, Poland, as well as copies of translations which had not been transmitted by the Army Attache as inclosures to R-reports. The Chairman explained that the Army Attache employed a full-time translator, whose translations of articles from Polish periodicals were too numerous for the Attache to forward each with a DA Form 1008. As a result, and in order to reduce duplication of Foreign Documents Division's (CIA) exploitation effort, an arrangement has been made whereby the Army Attache will list all of his translations periodically, identifying those which will appear as R-reports with the appropriate R-number. These lists are forwarded to OACSI bi-weekly together with the ditto masters of all translations which are not to be transmitted as inclosures to R-reports. The Chairman then

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asked the conferees if they would like to receive copies of the translation lists and the miscellaneous translations regularly. When queried concerning the possibility of circulating the translations in the Reading Panel, the Chairman stated that this would not be administratively possible; either the agency took all of the translations or none. Representatives of each agency requested copies of both the list and the translations.

b. (UNCLASSIFIED) The Chairman distributed copies of the latest acquisition list of Soviet and Satellite translations and documents, prepared by Special Projects Section, Eurasian Branch, dated 31 January 1957. Dr. Frank recommended that these lists be numbered serially, and the Chairman agreed to pass on this recommendation to the originating office. The Chairman further stated that he would recommend that the next acquisition list include the dates of all previous lists.

c. (CONFIDENTIAL) The Chairman circulated, for information and comments, a copy of PDD report: DO-U-3,053,291, subject: "Titles of Selected Categories of Soviet Patents from 'Bulletin of Inventions' No. 5, 1949," dated 28 January 1957. This report is prepared in draft and not for publication. Several of the conferees expressed interest in receiving copies of this and similar reports.

d. (CONFIDENTIAL) The Chairman briefly discussed the capabilities of Scientific and Technical Branch, PDD, to assist the Technical Services in their research on Soviet scientific and technical organizations and developments. In particular, he emphasized the ability of S&T Branch to provide information on topics of intelligence interest which frequently was not available from other sources.

e. (UNCLASSIFIED) The Chairman informed the conferees that a briefing on the status of mechanical translation would be given in late February or early March, and each agency would be informed concerning the time and place as soon as a firm date is set.

f. (UNCLASSIFIED) The Chairman stated that OACSI regularly received at least five copies of the Soviet periodical "New Books" (Novyye Knigi) which lists new books available for purchase outside the USSR. He stated that the periodical was published in Russian, and could be made available to interested agencies only in the original Russian. Representatives of several agencies requested copies of the periodical regularly.

4. (CONFIDENTIAL) Consideration of the Scope of Exploitation Effort With Regard to the Soviet "Reference Journal" (Referativnyy zhurnal). The Chairman described the scope and content of the "Reference Journal" in the words of a Soviet periodical list:

"Publication of the Academy of Sciences of the USSR.

"Reviews all domestic and about 7,000 foreign scientific and scientific-technical periodicals and non-periodical publications.

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"Intended for wide circles of scientific workers, teachers, post-graduates, undergraduates, workers at factory laboratories, engineers and technicians in various branches of industry and agriculture, as well as secondary-school teachers."

The abstracts included in the 13 series constituting this journal are classified according to scientific disciplines and include items not only from readily available Sino-Soviet Bloc periodicals, but also from periodicals which are not available for subscription. The Chairman explained that several of the series were to be translated under grants of the National Institutes for Health (NIH) and the National Science Foundation (NSF), but the majority were not being exploited, except insofar as the FDD "Scientific Information Report" included selected items of intelligence interest. He explained that a proposal had been made in the IAC Exploitation Subcommittee on Foreign Language Publications to initiate a program to translate abstracts from these journals at least on a limited basis. For the purpose of this program, only abstracts from Sino-Soviet Bloc publications would be considered for translation, and these would have to be restricted at least initially to abstracts covering subjects or periodicals of priority interest. The proposed program envisages the establishment of a central file of the abstract translations which could be used by the various IAC agencies. The Chairman requested comments by the conferees on the proposed program.

5. (CONFIDENTIAL) With the exception of the Mathematics Series, at least one Technical Service was interested in each of the series in the "Reference Journal." The conferees made the following recommendations:

- a. Each agency should be provided with translations of the tables of content of the 13 series so that they can select those sections or topics which would be of primary interest to them.
- b. Although translation of abstracts from unavailable journals should be given precedence, abstracts from available journals should also be translated.
- c. An effort should be made to determine how extensive the NIH and the NSF programs are going to be.
- d. The translated abstracts should be disseminated as well as filing them in a central reference service.

6. (CONFIDENTIAL) Consideration of the Proposal to Use the IAD Single Fund Concept. The Chairman prefaced his remarks on this item by stating that it would be of interest chiefly to OCE/AMS, as that agency was the only one represented which procured publications through IAD. The Chairman then explained that at a recent meeting of the IAC Procurement Subcommittee on Foreign Language Publications it was proposed that all agencies procure publications through a central point, both in Washington and in the field, and that the agencies contribute to a single fund rather than providing separate fund citations to each field collector. This idea was strongly opposed by the Service representatives on the Subcommittee, as they considered the publication requirements of their agencies could

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best be met through the Service attaches. The Chairman concluded by pointing out to the conferees that the Department of the Army already had, in effect, established the single fund concept with regard to the publications procured through SRI's and pursuant to AR 381-25. The OCE/AMS representative expressed the opinion that the IAD procurement was useful and efficient, but AMS also relied heavily on the Army attaches. It was the opinion of the conferees that both procurement efforts were desirable and complementary.

7. (CONFIDENTIAL) Discussion of the "Report on Status of Translations." This discussion was initiated by the Chairman, who pointed out that there was no uniform procedure used by the Technical Services in reporting their translations to OACSI. The OCE/AMS representative explained that OCE reporting was based on a letter of instruction dated in 1949, and that no later instructions existed. It was also pointed out by several conferees that their agencies did not list all translations prepared. The desirability of continuing publication of the "Report on Status of Translations" was then questioned, in view of the fact that the same information is included in the more comprehensive FDD publication, "Consolidated Translation Survey." Following a discussion of the two translation listings, it was concluded that:

- a. The Chairman should determine how much time elapses between the reporting of translations to FDD and their publication in the CTS. In the event that there is no time lag, action should be initiated to discontinue the "Report on Status of Translations."
- b. The Chairman should determine what restrictions are placed on dissemination of the CTS and whether its classification can be lowered to CONFIDENTIAL.
- c. A new directive on reporting of translations should be sent to the Technical Services.
- d. Each agency should, in the future, list all translations which are available for loan, and should not restrict its listings as in the past.

8. (UNCLASSIFIED) The next conference will be held on 14 March 1957 at 1000 hours in Pentagon Room 2C463. A new agenda is attached to these minutes.

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